

Feast Of The Knight Of Celano

Giotto painted it:
a steak, two buns,
some sliced pumpernickel,
a mushroom,
a green pitcher,
and two cups,
on a white tablecloth
with a black border --
all as stiff
as the varnished-cotton food
in a dollhouse.

Crap Game, With Spectator

a parking lot
is enclosed
by a high fence.
Piles of dirty snow
lie around.
Pigeons walk
back and forth.
Between the
white-striped
blacktop
and the white
sky,
a gang is
shooting craps,
with a child
watching them
over the fence.
They play from
three to five,
with the sound
of trucks
outside.

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